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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/619,682	Applicant(s) WITT ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 February 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-8,16 and 17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3 and 6-8 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4,5,16 and 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 02/13/2008 has been entered.

Response to Amendment

2. The amendment filed on 01/11/2008 has been entered. The amendment of claim 1 with the limitations of claim 2 overcomes the 35 USC 103 rejection based upon Kitsutaka, US Patent No. 7,042,463. The amendment to claims 16 and 17 raise 35 USC 112 second paragraph issues set forth below. Claims 4 and 5 raise a further raise a 35 USC 112 second paragraph issue set forth below

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 4, 5, 16 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 4:

At line 2 "further comprising" is claimed while the processing in the horizontal low-pass processing was not previously defined, thus, "further comprising" is unclear.

Claim 5:

Dependent claim 5 does not correct the "further comprising" issue of claim 4.

Claim 16:

At line 17 "said second processing" lacks antecedent basis in the claim.

Note that at line 20 "said second processing" will need to have the same changes made to the previous occurrence of "said second processing".

Claim 17:

At line 2 "to cause a computer to make a video processing apparatus" to perform the claimed process is claimed but does not clearly claim how the processing program makes a video processing apparatus perform the claimed process. Refer to applicants specification at page 17 lines 16-18 and page 14 lines 7-13.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1, 3, and 6-8 are allowed. Claims 4 and 5 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest the low-pass filtering of the result of the second processing and superposing the peripheral edge regions of the low-pass filtered image over the result of the second processing in the context of claim 1.

6. Claims 16 and 17 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Claim 16:

The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest the low-pass filtering of the result of the processing of the third processing means at lines 13-16 and superposing the peripheral edge regions of the low-pass filtered image over the result of the processing of the third processing means at lines 13-16 in the context of claim 16.

Claim 17:

The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest the low-pass filtering of the result of the second processing and superposing the peripheral edge regions of the low-pass filtered image over the result of the second processing in the context of claim 17.

Conclusion

7. The following prior art has been cited as being of interest because they teach anti-aliasing that overdraws a filtered image with at least portions of the unfiltered image.

Hoppe et al, US Patent No. 6,919,906, and Donovan, US Patent No. 6,005,580.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffery A. Brier whose telephone number is (571) 272-7656. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 7:30 to 4:00. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Razavi, can be reached at (571) 272-7664. The fax phone Number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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